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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-221o of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 Each local and regional board of education shall require each school
4 under its jurisdiction to (1) offer all full day students a daily lunch
5 period of not less than twenty minutes, and (2) include in the regular
6 school day for each student enrolled in [grades] full-day kindergarten
7 and grades one to five, inclusive, [a period of] an opportunity for each
8 student to engage in physical exercise for a minimum of twenty
9 minutes per full school day, in addition to any physical education
10 requirements, except that a planning and placement team may
11 [develop] establish a different schedule for a child requiring special
12 education and related services in accordance with chapter 164 and the
13 Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as
14 amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict with this section
15 and any provision of chapter 164, such other provision of chapter 164
16 shall [be deemed controlling] control.

17 Sec. 2. Section 10-220f of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

19 (a) Each local and regional board of education may establish a
20 school district safety committee to increase staff and student
21 awareness of safety [and health] issues and to review the adequacy of
22 emergency response procedures at each school. Parents and high
23 school students shall be included in the membership of such
24 committees.

25 (b) (1) Each local and regional board of education may establish a
26 school wellness committee to monitor and implement physical activity
27 policies required pursuant to the provisions of the Child Nutrition and
28 WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, P.L. 108-265. Members of the
29 committee may include, but need not be limited to, a school
30 administrator, a physical education teacher, a teacher who does not
31 teach physical education, a school nurse, a local pediatrician, two
32 parents of children enrolled in a school in the school district, a middle
33 school student, a member of the local or regional board of education
34 and a high school student.

35 (2) Each school wellness committee established by a board of
36 education pursuant to this section shall make recommendations to the
37 board regarding physical education and exercise.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-221o
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-220f

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage exercise in school by (1) requiring local boards of education to provide students an opportunity to engage in twenty minutes of exercise during the school day, and (2) allowing such boards to establish wellness committees to promote physical education and exercise.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]